Application No.: 09/825,017

Amendment Dated June 18, 2004

Reply to Office Action of May 18, 2004

**REMARKS** 

By this amendment applicant has canceled claims 1-14, 16-18 and 34-35, and amended

claims 15, 19 and 32. Thus, upon entry of this amendment, claims 15, 19, 20-33 and 36-37 shall

be in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that an election is required under 35

U.S.C. §121. More specifically, the Examiner has taken the position that Figures 1-3 and 4-7

depict patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

In response to the Examiner's election requirement, applicant hereby provisionally elects

the species depicted in Figures 4-7. Upon entry of this amendment, all claims shall read on the

species depicted in Figures 4-7.

While no fees are believed due in connection with this amendment, applicant hereby

authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this amendment,

and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-

1666.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the

undersigned agent of applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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